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Letter To The Editor

Editor
Times-Virginian
Court Street
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an article that I hope you will be willing to print in your newspaper.

Since the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center is designed to serve the Central Virginia region, we want the people of Appomattox to be aware of its availability and to be aware of our clients' personal assessment of ARC's program whenever possible.

With Mr. Lane's permission, we gladly submit his article to you.

Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Sonda I. Ferguson
Administrative Secretary

"My mind was somewhat closed when I arrived at ARC (Alcoholic Rehabilitaiton Center of Central Virginia, Inc.) 28 days ago.

During my initial interview with the director, James Bock, I decided to learn all I could during my stay.

The first week was one of transition. Thereafter, each day was a new experience. Each new session in group therapy contributed something toward the purpose of the program ... to discover ourselves and others as feeling persons, and to identify the defenses that prevent this discovery.

I cannot pin-point what has helped me most, but I realize, first, that I must stay sober to accomplish anything. (Lack of sobriety greatly reduces my incentive for doing anything constructive.)

I believe I now have the knowledge, if practiced, to cope realistically with everyday life situations.

The only thing I might add to the very good program at ARC -- and it is a very good program for drinkers and non-drinkers alike -- might be a suggestion to increase the 28-day program to some longer period. I believed this would enable the groups to further practice what they have experienced and learned, and be still better equipped to deal intelligently with those unexpected happenings which occur in daily living. For myself, I'm looking forward to practicing RST's (Rational Behavior Therapy), along with PAC's (Parent, Adult, and Child's Ego States).

I am leaving ARC with a feeling of deep warmth toward all those I have come in contact with, and I greatly endeavor to "help this drunk" stay sober.

Best wishes,
E. Elton Lane"

SPOUT SPRING HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Spout Spring Homemakers Club will meet in the home of Geraldine Marshall on Thursday evening arch 25 at 7:30.

The demonstraton will be on Bicentennial Quilts and Crafts. Anyone having articles that they would like to display, please bring them to this meeting.

Wreck Island Extension Club Meets

Mrs. V. A. Staten was hostess to the Wreck Island Extension Homemakers' Club when it met in her home on Wed., March 17, at 10 a.m. for an all-day meeting.

There were eight members present.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Staten with members repeating the Lord's Prayer. .

The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer gave her report.

A letter from Mrs. Shirley Walton was read with dates of interest to members.

April 6 - The Family Life Forum, Ramada Inn, Lynchburg. Program will be from 10-11:30 a.m. with a workshop following from 1 - 2:30 p.m. An evening session will be from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Excellent speakers and workshop leaders will make this most interesting to those who are interested in the welfare of children.

April 15 -District III Homemakers meeting will be held at Brookville High School, Lynchburg, Va. Registration and a coffee hour will begin at 9:15 with the program beginning at 10 a.m. Call the Appomattox County Extension Office for luncheon reservations.

Members are making plans to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Wreck Island Club which was the first club to be organized in Appomattox County.

This home demonstration program was organized by Mrs. Ella Anderson on July 1936, in the home of Mrs. Mary Carson (deceased).

For the demonstration on "Arts and Crafts" Mrs. Staten instructed members how to make a bicentennial necklace out of buttons.

Members completed their red, white, and blue necklaces and were very pleased with their accomplishment in a day.

The Homemakers Creed was repeated after which Mrs. Staten served the guests delicious refreshments.

The April meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Elsie Thornhill on Wednesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. A demonstration on Arts and Crafts will be given.

Mrs. Tilden Lee, Secretary

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So obvious and so appealing was Jesus' reliance on prayer that His disciples sought to be like Him, to imitate Him in prayer above all else. The disciples did not turn to Him and say, "Lord, teach us to preach." Nor did they turn to Him and say, "Lord, teach us to work miracles." But they did turn to Him and say, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Prayer was a vital part of Jesus' life and He intended that it be a vital part of ours. To Jesus prayer was simply conversation with God and He expects us to talk with His Heavenly Father just as He did. For Him prayer was not a burden, but a privilege which He wished to share with us - "don't be anxious but in everything through prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God." (Philippians 4:6)

Everett A. Hellmuth, Pastor
Presbyterian Church
Pamplin, Virginia

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

Lesson For March 28, 1976

Preparation for the Lord's Return
Scripture: Matthew 24

Watch therefore, for you do not know what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24:42

In the emphasis on Messiah as suffering Servant, we tend to go as far to that extreme as the Jews who were expecting Him tended to go in expecting Him to be conquering King. We must not obscure either of these roles Messiah plays. In His first coming, He did indeed come as suffering Servant, for He came to establish His kingdom in love. Love is best demonstrated in service to the loved, in this case all humanity. That kingdom was established then, in the accomplishment of Messiah's initial mission, and continues. This is what is meant when we speak of the Church being in the world, yet not of it. Thus the two ages, the present or secular age and the age of the kingdom of God, are existing contemporaneously. The kingdom of God is a present reality, though it has not come into its full glory and power, and believers are its citizens.

In His second coming, Messiah will reign as King. Because He would experience death, it was necessary for Him to give His disciples the assurance that He would come again and give insight into the nature of His coming. They needed the assurance that He would rise from the dead, which would be the evidence that He brings those who trust Him eternal life. They--and we-- also needed to know that He must still fill the Messianic role of conquering King and that He will indeed come in power and judgment. The knowledge that Messiah who once came in love and service will come again in power and judgment is the bedrock foundation on which human responsibility is built.

That this passage of Scripture and others dealing with the return of our Lord are difficult of understanding and interpretation is apparent. This event is still beyond human experience. Matthew 24 combines obvious refrences to the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, which took place in 70 A.D., with obvious reference to the end of the age, and with references which may apply to both or are of uncertain application.

One problem arises from Jesus' words, "this generation shall not pass away till all these things take place." If what He said applied only to the destruction of Jerusalem, there is no problem. Obviously it is not so limited. We need to remember that Jesus spoke in Aramaic and the authors of the Gospels wrote in Greek. The precise word Jesus used, which Matthew translated with the Greek word, **genea**, is therefore not known. **Genea**, which basically means birth, also means descent or generation or race. Substituting race for generation makes the passage clearer and more understandable.

Also with bearing on this Scripture is the significance of the destruction of Jerusalem to Christianity. Some commentators interpret Matthew 16:27-28 as referring to the destruction of Jerusalem. Such an interpretation and the obvious references to that catastrophe in Matthew 24(and elsewhere) view that event as a visitation of God's judgment on the nation of Israel. The city's and particularly the temple's, destruction marked the complete separation of Judaism and Christianity and appears to have ended the Judaizing influence which undercook to make Christianity a sect of Judaism. Thus the Messianic kingdom as it had been inaugurated by Jesus emerged into its own.

Although Jesus taught His disciples that He would return in power, He warned them that only the Father knows when that return will take place. Consequently the calculations by which some have undertaken to set the date for the Lord's return are not only futile but also presumptous. Believers are not without responsibility, however, in the anticipation of that event. Jesus taught His disciples, in words which apply to all believers, to live in a state of preparedness for His return. That state of preparedness consists of living in full commitment to God and in generous service to mankind. What is the believer preparing for? The end of the present age and the triumph of the Messianic kingdom, which is the kingdom of God.

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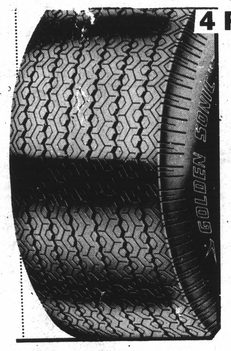

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They say the plumbing and heating
systems are very bad,
To tear it down would make most of us sad.

A parking lot is what they want
to build...For What?
Downtown is at a standstill.
The banks are closed on Saturdays, and we have no drug or grocery stores downtown.
Yet they plan to tear our only hotel down.

The hotel is a reminder of the "good ol' days.'
You could rent a room from "Uncle Hut" and "Miss Molly"
And you were treated just like it was home.
Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Cheatham were the owners of the hotel.
The friends they made, no one can tell.

In the past we had a drug, and three grocery stores downtown. Not a parking lot could be found.
Now the drug and grocery stores have moved out of town.

They say we need a parking lot, so tear the hotel down.
A parking lot downtown would be
like a circus without a clown.

I am sure no one will have to walk a mile
It is only Bessie's, Jeannie's, and the
hardware once in a while.

Now if the town wants to do something real good,
Give us back our downtown stores, And let the hotel stand as it should.

If you park downtown, you would have to walk a mile
To have a prescription filled
once in a while.

Now what we really need and want.....
Is a downtown drug and grocery.
But a parking lot, we don't!

Harry Ferguson
Church Street,
Appomattox, Va.

appomattox,

Concord

Lyn-Con Homemakers Club - this is a fairly new club for all in the Lynchburg and Concord area. It is sponsored by Virginia Teech Extension Office. Mrs. Marge Shumacher is president of Lyn-Con and Mrs. Sharon Kornhau and Mrs. Linda Henry are secretary-treasurer. They meet every first Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in different members' homes. The past meeting was held in Mrs. Linda Henry's home and the program was about herb gardening. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Linda Gregory's home on April 6th at 7:30 p.m. The program will be about recycling used clothing. This club is open to anyone wishing to join.

Mr. Alan Hunter from the Extension Office will give a talk and show slide about home gardening at Believers' Chapel on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The Naval Reserve C.B. Unit came down Saturday, March 20 to do the work on the Rescue Squad Building. the Rescue Squad furnishes the material and all the work is done through the local reserve. This is a great work these guys are doing, giving their time and energy to help out the Rescue Squad. Thanks and keep up the good work!

Brownie Troop 741 is now working on recipe holders., pot holders, making red, white and blue candles for the Bicentennial celebration. They will be working on these projects for the next five weeks. There are 25 girls in this troop and four leaders. They plan to take a train trip to Monroe April 12.

All Brownies who want to go to Camp Shenjawea in Lynchburg April 10 for an all-day outing bring lunch and join in the fun and games. Parents can take their child to the camp as it is open to all the Scouts and some may go as a troop or can go individually. Either way it's sure to be a lot of fun learning and doing things out-of-doors.

Spaghetti Supper - at Eastbrook Baptist Church Fellowship Hall which is located near Silver Springs Lake will be held Sat., March 27 from 5-8 p.m. The Busy Bee Women's Circle is sponsoring the supper. Proceeds from the supper will go to the church print shop to help us print the church newsletters, soul-winning booklets, cookbooks and etc. Tickets - Adults $2.00 for all you can eat; Children (6-12) $1; Children under 6-Free. You can get tickets at the door or from any woman in the circle. Mrs. Brenda Fulton of Concord is president of the Busy Bees. Come and fellowship with us and enjoy a delicious supper.

That's all now folks, see ya nextweek!

Faye W. Bryant, Reporter

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